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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY AS OF 1800 JUNE 1.

SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

1. OVERALL MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED GENERALLY LIGHT BUT AN UPSWING IN MR-4 BROUGHT THE DAYS TOTAL TO 89 INCIDENTS REPORTED. ACTION WAS MARKED IN KONTUM, BINH DINH AND, MOST PARTICULARLY, CHUONG THIEN PROVINCES. BOTH TAY NINH AND CHAU DOC PROVINCES ARE BRACING FOR POSSIBLE " HIGH POINT". SAPPERS SUSPECTED IN LONG BINH AMMO DUMP EXPLOSIONS.

2. ICCS REMAINED DEADLOCKED OVER UNANIMITY RULE FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS. MEETING OF TPJMC CHIEFS GAVE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN INTERPRETATION OF " AREAS OF CONTROL." NO PROGRESS IN FPJMT/ MIA. JCRC INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY IN PHU YEN PROVINCE.

PART I. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS)

1. LONGEST ICCS PLENARY SESSION ON RECORD HAS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, THROUGH FIVE SITTINGS TOTALING 15 HOURS, AND IS NOT OVER YET. IN SPECIAL MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS MAY 31, FINAL DAY OF POLDEL CHAIRMANSHIP, COMMISSION WAS UNABLE TO SOLVE IMPASSE OVER WHETHER THE INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS MUST BE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED UPON. SPECIFIC SUBJECT CONTINUES TO BE WHETHER THREE CANDEL/ INDODEL INVESTIGATION REPORTS ON INTERROGATIONS OF NVA PRISONERS CAN BE FORWARDED TO TPJMC AS ICCS DOCUMENT. ICCS AMBASSADORS ARE NOW APPARENTLY HOPING TO ACHIEVE SOLUTION TO IMPASSE THROUGH DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE OF PLENARY. MEANWHILE, CANDEL HAS AGREED TO ASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP OF VARIOUS STANDING COMMITTEES, BUT DOES NOT INTEND TO CONVENE PLENARY AGAIN UNTIL RESOLUTION OF CURRENT DEADLOCK.

PART II: TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC)

1. ACCORDING GVN DEL SOURCE, JUNE 1 MEETING OF CHIEFS FOCUS ON QUESTION OF " AREAS OF CONTROL", BUT NO PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT WAS MADE.

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MEETING GAVE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN INTERPRETATION OF TERM " AREAS OF CONTROL". GVN REGARDS IT AS MEANING ESSENTIALLY AREA PATROLLED BY AND FORMING PART OF DEFENSE PERIMETER OF A SPECIFIC MILITARY UNIT. TO MAKE THE POINT CLEARER, GVN PREFERS USE PHASE SUCH AS " MILITARY UNIT STATIONING AREA" RATHER THAN VAGUER

" AREA OF CONTROL" IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER. PRG, ACCORDING GVN SOURCE, CONTINUES WANT TO DEFINE " AREA OF CONTROL" IN POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS, WHICH IN GVN DEL VIEW, ARE BEYOND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF MILITARY COMMISSION. DRAWING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES CAN BE DONE ONLY AT HIGHER LEVEL, SUCH AS PARIS BILATERALS. FUNCTION OF MILITARY COMMISSION IS SIMPLY TO DRAW LINES BETWEEN OPPOSING MILITARY UNITS FOR PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT AN END TO FIGHTING.

2. AT AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 1, GVN SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT PRISONER RELEASE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1 (REFERRED TO IN MAY 29 SITREP, SAIGON 9445) HAD NOT OCCURRED. REASON GIVEN WAS FAILURE OF PRG TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF ICCS OBSERVERS.

PART III: FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM/ MISSING IN ACTION
(FPJMT/ MIA)

1. DISCUSSION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE 8 B OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT CONTINUED AT MAY 31 FPJMT SESSION. NO NEW POINTS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. PRG DELEGATION CONTINUED TO RAISE CONTENTIOUS POINTS DEALING WITH CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIALS AND VISITS OF RELATIVES TO GRAVES TO WHICH GVN DELEGATION CONTINUED TO VOICE STRONG OBJECTIONS. THERE WERE NUMEROUS PROPOSED CHANGES, MOSTLY EDITORIAL, TO DRAFT US MINUTE OF AGREEMENT COVERING THE FOUR POINTS ON WHICH DELEGATIONS HAD REACHED BASIC AGREEMENT AT TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS. USDEL PLANNING TO REDRAFT MINUTE OF AGREEMENT BASED ON THESE COMMENTS IN HOPES OF GETTING FORMAL AGREEMENT AT NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5.

2. A FIFTEEN- MAN JCRC SPECIALIST TEAM BEGAN ON JUNE 1 AN INVESTIGATION OF A US CRASH SITE IN SONG CAU DISTRICT, PHU YEN PROVINCE. JCRC SPECIALIST TEAM ENTERED RVN MAY 31 BY USAF C-130 THROUGH NHA TRANG WHERE CANDEL OF ICCS POINT OF
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ENTRY TEAM WAS INFORMED BY CONGEN IN ADVANCE OF TEAM' S ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, ICCS POE TEAM DID NOT COME TO AIRPORT TO INSPECT AIRCRAFT AS TEAM WAS INSTRUCTED BY PLEIKU REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO IGNORE PLANE' S PRESENCE SINCE NO ICCS PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING JCRC MISSIONS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT . AS EXPECTED, DRV AND PRG DELEGATIONS TO FPJMT DID NOT SEND OBSERVERS. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS OF 1700 HOURS REGARDING RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION TODAY.

3. LATE REPORT: CONGEN NHA TRANG REPORTS THE JCRC OPERATION IN PHU YEN IS CONTINUING. NO REPEAT NO REMAINS HAVE YET BEEN RECOVERED. LOCAL GUIDES HAVE INDICATED TWO POSSIBLE GRAVE SITES, ABOUT 50 METERS APART, AND EXCAVATION IS UNDERWAY AT BOTH. CRASH SITE INVESTIGATION WAS ACCOMPL-

ISHED, REMAINS OF AIRCRAFT FOUND AND IDENTIFIED. BG KINGSTON
SAYS HE BELIEVES IT MAY TAKE AS MANY AS TWO MORE DAYS
TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE AREA. WE ARE SEEKING A
MECHANICAL EXCAVATOR THROUGH GVN MR 2 CHANNELS WHICH
IF OBTAINED WILL FACILITATE EXCAVATION. HOWEVER, AMPLE LOCAL
LABOR IS AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH IT WILL TAKE LONGER THAT WAY. THE
OPERATION IS GOING SMOOTHLY.

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ART IV: GVN/ PRG BILATERALS

1. 13 TH PLENARY SESSION OF GVN/ PRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TOOK PLACE MAY 30. ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM USDEL JEC PARIS (JEC PARIS 15089) THERE WERE NO SUBSTANTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE
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SESSION AND ACRIMONIOUS TONE OF BOTH PREPARED STATEMENTS AND IMPROMPTU REMARKS WAS MARKED RETROGRESSION FROM THE CONCILIATORY APPROACHES IN PRECEDING MEETINGS. HIEU (PRG) AND VIEN (GVN) HELD FAST TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PROPOSALS OF APRIL 25, WITH VIEN URGING PRG ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECENT SEVEN POINT GVN CEASEFIRE PLAN. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS GVN REPRESENTATIVES TRIED TO PLACE ENTIRE BLAME UPON THE PRG FOR THE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS. (NEITHER SIDE COMMENTED ON THE COMING KISSINGER 7 THO MEETINGS .) THE NEXT SVN BILATERAL SESSION WILL BE HELD JUNE 7.

PART V: VC/ HANOI PROPAGANDA

HANOI RADIO IN A DOMESTIC SERVICE BROADCAST ON MAY 31 REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT MINISTER SHARP' S DECLARATION THAT CANADA PLANNED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ICCS, NOTING ALSO SHARP' S STATEMENT THAT CANADA WOULD EXTEND ITS JUNE 30 DEADLINE BY ONE MONTH TO ALLOW THE PARTIES TO AGREE UPON AND LOCATE A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT. NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THE CANADIAN DECISION HAS BEEN NOTED IN VIETNAMESE HANOI MEDIA. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP), HOWEVER, REPORTED FROM HANOI ON MAY 30 THAT " OFFICIAL SOURCES" HAD NOT GONE BEYOND DISCUSSING THE PURELY TECHNICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THE DECISION.

PART VI: MR-1

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL IN MR 1 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, WITH TEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS REPORTED. REGION- WIDE CASUALTIES WERE FRIENDLY 6 KIA, 10 WIA; ENEMY 19 KIA, 1 RETURNEE. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1087 ROUNDS: 466 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 621 SOUTH.

2. BASED ON THE INCREASED PACE OF THE BUILD- UP IN WESTERN MR 1 (DANANG 596), INTERCEPTED RADIO MESSAGES, AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, I CORPS OFFICERS IN HUE, WHILE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN AN ATTACK WILL TAKE PLACE, HAVE INDICATED TO ARRO DIRECTOR HUE THAT THEY ARE TAKING THE THREAT SERIOUSLY. UNITS HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO QUARTERS AND LEAVES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

3. COLONEL TRUONG TAN THUC, CHIEF OF THE GVN ELEMENT OF ICCS REGION I, JMC, INFORMED ARRO DIRECTOR HUE THAT HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM SAIGON MAY 31 INSTRUCTING HIM TO BE READY TO RECEIVE
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THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE JMC IN HUE " VERY SOON." THE QUARTERS ARE READY NOW AND HE IS DISCUSSING OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO A MEETING IN SAIGON ON THE 5 TH TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION. THE ISSUE OF THE SIZE OF THE DELEGATION HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN RESOLVED AND THUC BELIEVES THE PRG GROUP WILL NUMBER BETWEEN 65 AND 72 PEOPLE. THUC' S OWN GROUP IS BEING INCREASED ACCORDINGLY. THUC UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PRG WILL DEPLOY TO ALL REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUT NOT TO THE SUB- REGIONS.

4. COMMENTING TO ARRO DIRECTOR HUE ON CANADA' S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICCS, CHIEF OF THE GVN JMC ELEMENT ICCS REGION I, COLONEL TRUONG TAN THUC SAID HE BELIEVES THAT THE ICCS HAS BEEN TOTALLY INEFFECTUAL TO DATE. HOWEVER, HE DOESN' T REALLY BELIEVE THAT CANADA WILL PULL OUT. THE MOVE, HE BELIEVES, IS A GESTURE TO BRING WORLD ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE OF THE ICCS AND PUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN A BAD LIGHT. AFTER JUNE 6 AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT PARIS TALKS, THE PROSPECTS FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE WILL BE BETTER AND HE FEELS THE US WILL THEN BE ABLE TO PERSUADE CANADA TO STAY IN.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH GVN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS IN DANANG AND HOI AN, CONGEN OFFICERS HAVE GAINED THE INITIAL IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS NO GREAT CONCERN OVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANADIAN ELEMENT OF THE ICCS. OPINIONS RANGE FROM THE VIEW THAT THE ICCS HAS BEEN INEFFECTIVE ANYWAY TO MILD REGRET AT THE DEPARTURE OF CANADIAN FRIENDS.

PART VII: MR-2

1. SECURITY SITUATION: TOTAL OF 12 INCIDENTS REPORTED BY MR-2 HEADQUARTERS AND POLOFF' S OVER PAST 24 HOUR PERIOD: FOUR IN KONTUM, FOUR IN BINH DINH, TWO IN BINH THUAN, AND ONE EACH IN PHU YEN AND NINH THUAN. CASUALTIES: VC: 12 KIA, ONE CAPTURED: RVNAF: NINE KIA, 14 WIA, AND FOUR MISSING IN ACTION.

2. MR 2 NHA TRANG HQ BRIEFERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE 47 TH REGIMENT , 22 ND ARVN DIVISION FROM NORTH CENTRAL INTO SOUTHERN BINH DINH. REGT' S MISSION IS TO SECURE THE RAILROAD LINE BETWEEN BINH DINH AND PHU YEN IN PREPARATION
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FOR THE PLANNED OPENING OF THAT STRETCH ON JULY 15. (CONGEN COMMENT: THE RAILROAD PASSES THROUGH SOME VERY DIFFICULT TERRAIN AND REOPENING THE LINE BY JULY 15 IS AN AMBITIOUS TARGET. MORE SANGUINE ASPECT OF REDEPLOYMENT OF 47 TH FROM

NORTHERN TO SOUTHERN BINH DINH IS THAT IT IMPLIES THAT MR 2
CG MAJ GEN TOAN IS NOW CONFIDENT OF STABILITY OF TACTICAL
SITUATION IN NORTHERN FOUR DISTRICTS OF PROVINCE, WHICH HAVE
LONG BEEN SHARPLY CONTESTED.)

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SEVEN RF KILLED (INCLUDING THE COMPANY COMMANDER), FIVE
WOUNDED AND FOUR MISSING. LATER SAME DAY, VC GUNNERS POUNDED
THREE OTHER RF COMPANY POSITIONS NEARBY. (ONE OF THE FIRE
ATTACKS WAS BY 130 MM ARTILLERY, WHICH MAKES SECOND TIME IN
PAST WEEK THAT VC HAVE EMPLOYED THAT WEAPON AGAINST RVNAF

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IN KONTUM.) ATTACKS CAUSED TWO FRIENDLY KIA AND FIVE WIA. REPORT FROM KONTUM ARRO REPRESENTATIVE INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT GVN COMMANDERS IN KONTUM MAY BE FUDGING ON THEIR REPORTING OF FRIENDLY CASUALTIES IN ONGOING FIGHTING AROUND KONTUM CITY. ARRO REP ESTIMATED NEARLY 100 WOUNDED RVNAF TROOPS WERE BROUGHT TO KONTUM CITY AIRPORT FOR TRANSPORT TO NHA TRANG HOSPITAL ON MAY 31. SINCE MAY 13 MR 2 HQ IN NHA TRANG YAD REPORTED ONLY 29 FRIENDLY WIA IN KONTUM.

PART VIII: MR 3

1. IN 24 HOURS ENDING 0800 JUNE 1, MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS AT LOW LEVEL. THERE WERE ELEVEN INCIDENTS REPORTED.

2. AT 0450, THUNDEROUS EXPLOSION WENT OFF AT ARVN LONG BINH POST IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE, FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL MORE AT HALF- HOUR INTERVALS, AND SMALLER SOUNDS OF AMMUNITION CONTINUING TO EXPLODE. EXPLOSION DAMAGED SEVERAL WINDOWS AT CONGEN AND STAFF RESIDENCES, AND FRAZZLED A FEW NERVES AMONG NORMALLY WAR- JADED CONGEN STAFF. NO DOUBT BIEN HOA CITY HAS ALSO SUFFERED DAMAGE, BUT NO ACCOUNTING IS YET AVAILABLE. MR 3 CG BG DAO DUY AN TOLD CONGEN HE SUSPECTED COMMUNIST SAPPERS.

3. IN OTHER ACTION REPORTED, TONLE CHAV RANGER BASE CAMP TOOK 60 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY WITHOUT CASUALTIES. IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE A VC/ NVA ELEMENT ABDUCTED 16 FARMERS WORKING IN RICE FIELD ABOUT 5 KM NE OF XUYEN MOC DISTRICT TOWN, LED THEM INTO WOODS AT GUNPOINT. THEY' VE NOT BEEN HEARD OF SINCE.

4. CONSUL IN PHUOC TUY REPORTS THAT ICCS XUAN LOC INVESTIGATION OF PRG CHARGE OF GVN FEBRUARY CEASE- FIRE VIOLATION ALONG INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE 2 (SEE OUR 158) HAD NOT YET BEGUN AS OF THIS MORNING. THREE PRG LIAISON OFFICERS FROM TWO- PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION IN SAIGON - A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, A CAPTAIN, AND A FIRST LIEUTENANT - AND GVN TPJMC LIAISON OFFICERS ARE PRESENT AND ICCS XUAN LOC HAS AUTHORIZATION FROM ICCS V IN BIEN HOA TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION BUT GVN HAS NOT YET GIVEN SECURITY GUARANTEES OR OFFICIALLY INFORMED PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AUTHORITIES. THERE IS ALSO SOME HOLDUP IN CLEARANCES FROM INVESTIGATION OF GVN COUNTERCHARGES AGAINST PRG DATING FROM MARCH IN SAME AREA. GVN REQUEST IS REPORTEDLY VAGUE, WITH ORAL IMPLICATION THAT IF ICCS DOES
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NOT STOP PRG ATTACKS, GVN WOULD TAKE OFFENSIVE.

5. TAY NINH RRO AND CONSUL IN TAY NINH REPORT CONTINUING AND

INCREASING COMMUNIST MILITARY, COMMO- LIAISON, AND ECONOMIC-FINANCE ACTIVITY. CIVILIAN MOTIVATION CHIEF CONFIRMS THAT INCREASING NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE ENGAGING IN BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES AT BEN SOI OUTPOST. ALTHOUGH NEW OUTPOST COMMANDER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND PROVINCE AUTHORITIES ARE SAID TO HAVE LAUNCHED SPECIAL CAMPAIGN THERE TO ARREST BLACK MARKETEERS, SALE OF GOODS TO COMMUNISTS IS SO OPEN AND BLATANT IT HARDLY DESERVES NAME OF " SHADOW SUPPLY". OTHER REPORTS OF MOVEMENT OF COMMUNIST MAIN FORCE ELEMENTS INTO TAY NINH TEND TO SUPPORT RUMORS THAT THERE MAY BE BIG COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE THERE IN NEXT TEN DAYS, BUT MUCH OF ACTIVITY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH LONGER- TERM COMMUNIST EFFORT TO RESETTLE AREA THEY CONTROL NORTH OF NUI BA DEN. VC OFFERS OF LAND THERE TO POORER, LANDLESS ELEMENTS IN GVN- CONTROLLED AREA OF TAY NINH CONTINUE, AND VC ARE ALSO PRESSURING WOODCUTTERS WHO LIVE UNDER GVN CONTROL BUT WORK IN VC- INFLUENCED JUNGLE, TO LIVE WHERE THEY WORK.

6. MOVEMENT OF NEARLY 11,000 BINH LONG HIGHLANDER REFUGEES FROM AN LOI REFUGEE CAMP IN LONG THANH DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE, TO NEW SITE IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, MR 2, IS BEGINNING THIS MORNING. A LATE APRIL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH TEAM SURVEY, TAKEN SOON AFTER THE DECISION TO MOVE REFUGEES WAS ANNOUNCED, INDICATED THAT MAJORITY (55 PER CENT) WERE OPPOSED TO IT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT LIKE WHAT THEY HAD HEARD OF NEW SITE. ARVN CAPTAIN RECENTLY TOLD CONGEN LOCAL THAT MAJORITY OF REFUGEES ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO GO TO LAM DONG, AND THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THEM WILL REFUSE TO GO OR, MORE LIKELY, SLIP AWAY FROM NEW SITE AND BACK TO BINH LONG.

PART IX: MR-4

1. SECURITY SITUATION: MR IV REPORTED 56 VC/ NVA INITIATED INCIDENTS MAY 31, COMPARED TO ONLY 29 THE PREVIOUS DAY. OF THESE, FIVE WERE GROUND ASSAULTS, 38 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 12 HARASSMENTS, AND ONE ACT OF TERRORISM. CHUONG THIEN SUFFERED 18 INCIDENTS. GOVERNMENT FORCES LOST 20 KILLED, 88 WOUNDED AND SEVEN MISSING, WHILE CLAIMING 48 VC/ NVA DEAD AND THREE CAPTURED.

2. SOURCES FROM TWO PROVINCES REPORT EXPECTED VC/ NVA HIGHPOINTS
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IN EARLY JUNE. THE CHAU DOC SECTOR S-2 ANTICIPATES A HIGHPOINT JUNE 5 PRECEDING A " REAL" CEASEFIRE. SIMILAR INTELLIGENCE HAS SURFACED IN VINH BINH. THE VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEF EXPECTS A HIGHPOINT BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND 10. HE FEELS THAT THE VC D-3 REGIMENT FROM VINH LONG MAY SUPPORT LOCAL BINH BINH UNITS.

3. A PACIFICATION AND ATTITUDES ANALYSIS SURVEY (PAAS) TEAM IN CHUONG THIEN REPORTED THAT NVA PERSONNEL AGE NOW FILLING DISTRICT LEVEL CADRE POSITIONS FORMERLY HELD BY VC CADRE. VILLAGERS SAID THE NVA HAVE TAKEN THIS STEP BOTH TO ASSURE MORE ACTIVE INCUMBENTS IN THESE POSITIONS AND BEC

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